

**REMARKS AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has required restriction of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a small interfering RNA (siRNA) capable of enhancing single nucleotide discrimination between a first target relative to a second target, classifiable in class 536, subclass 24.5.

Group II: Claims 18-34, drawn to a method of selectively targeting an allele in a cell, inhibiting expression of a target allele and treating a subject having a disease or disorder associated with a mutant allele, classifiable in classes 435 and 514, subclasses 375 and 44, respectively.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention (Claims 1-17, drawn to a small interfering RNA (siRNA) capable of enhancing single nucleotide discrimination between a first target relative to a second target) under 35 U.S.C. §121 for prosecution in the present application, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. UMY-041, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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